

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Salem Inventory Number: ~~N-0054~~ CH-939

Address: 8870 Old Stagecoach Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Baldus, Carl R Jr and Barbara F

Tax Parcel Number: 47 Tax Map Number: 43

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G X None

Is property located within a historic district?: X no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

The farm complex at 8870 Old Stagecoach Road comprises a circa 1960 single family dwelling and two circa 1900 barns. The brick house is a one-story ranch with three projecting bays and overlapping hipped roofs. In plan, the house is formed by a long rectangular section with a small projecting bay at the east end and a larger projecting bay at the west end of the primary elevation (south). Each of the projecting bays has its own hipped roof. The roof of the eastern end of the larger projecting bay extends to form a portico over the main entrance. This portico is supported by decorative iron posts. A small bay, with a hipped roof, projects from the western end of the large projecting bay.

A large two-story, wood frame barn with an asymmetrical side gable roof is located northwest of the house. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding and the roof is covered by corrugated metal sheets. The barn is in fair condition. A second barn is located behind the house. This wood frame barn is one story in height and has a side gable roof. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding and the roof is covered by corrugated metal sheets. This barn is also in fair condition.

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Eligibility recommended

Eligibility not recommended *X*

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Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

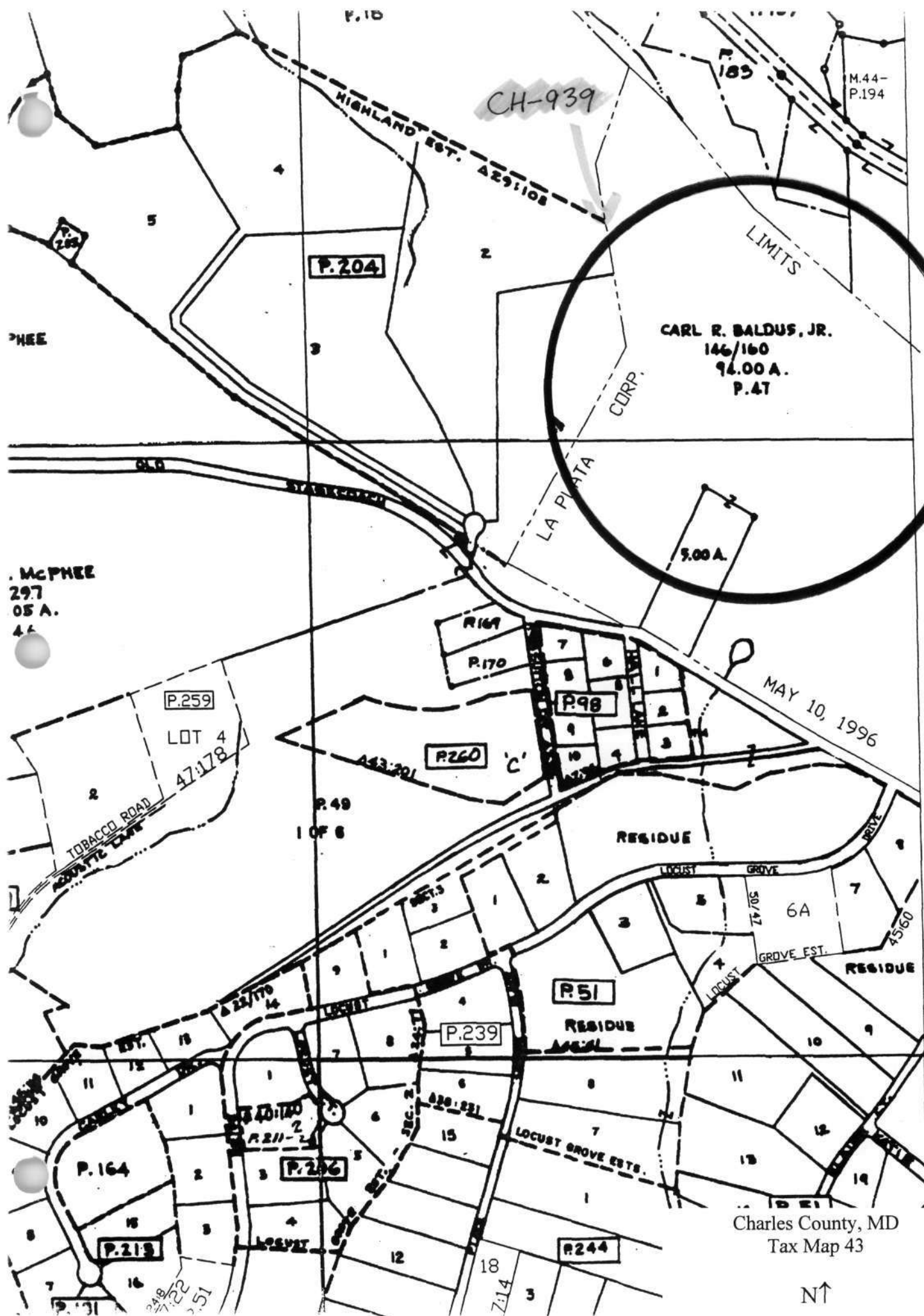
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

The circa 1960 dwelling and the circa 1900 barns are not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an example of the agricultural and residential development surrounding La Plata, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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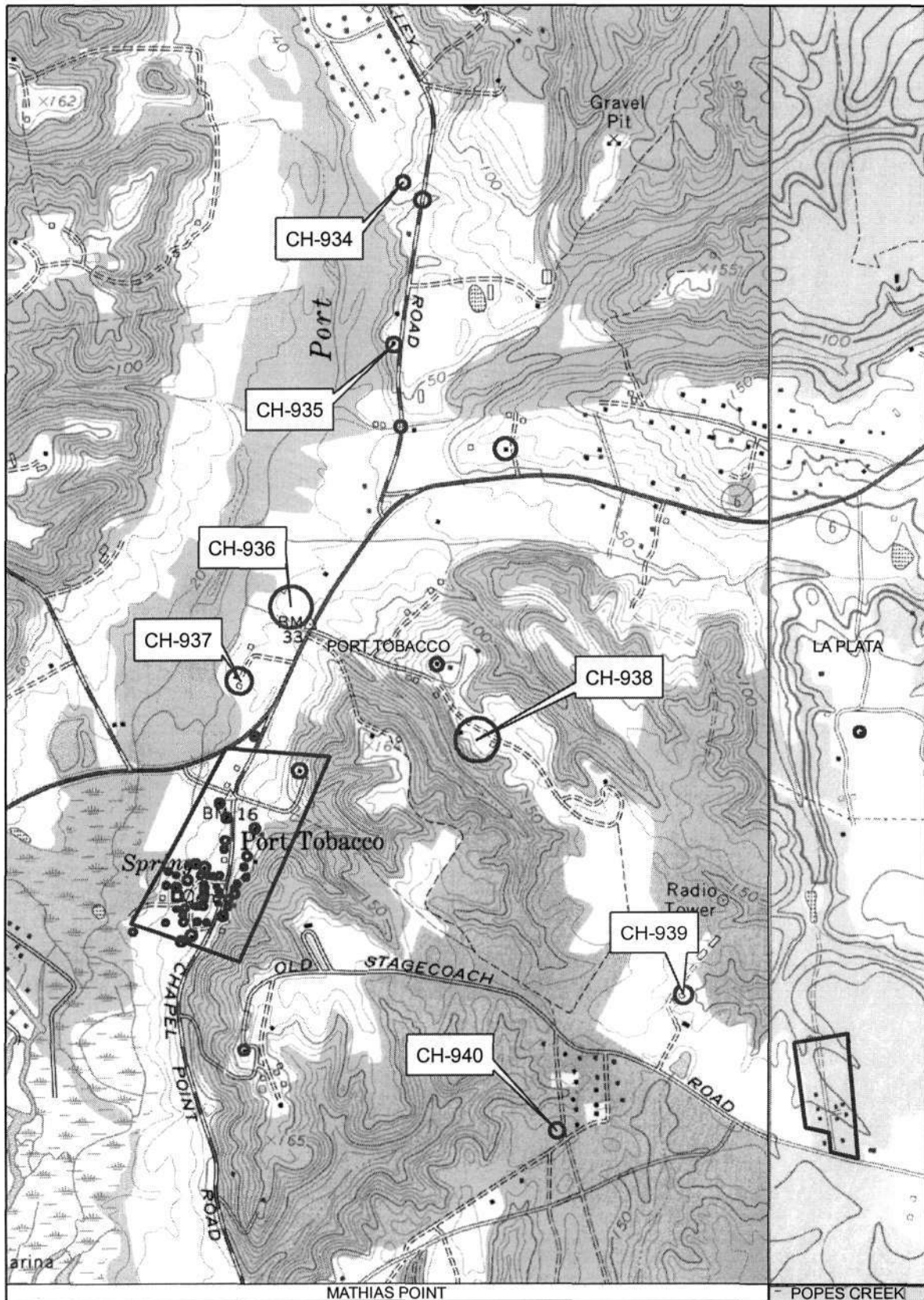
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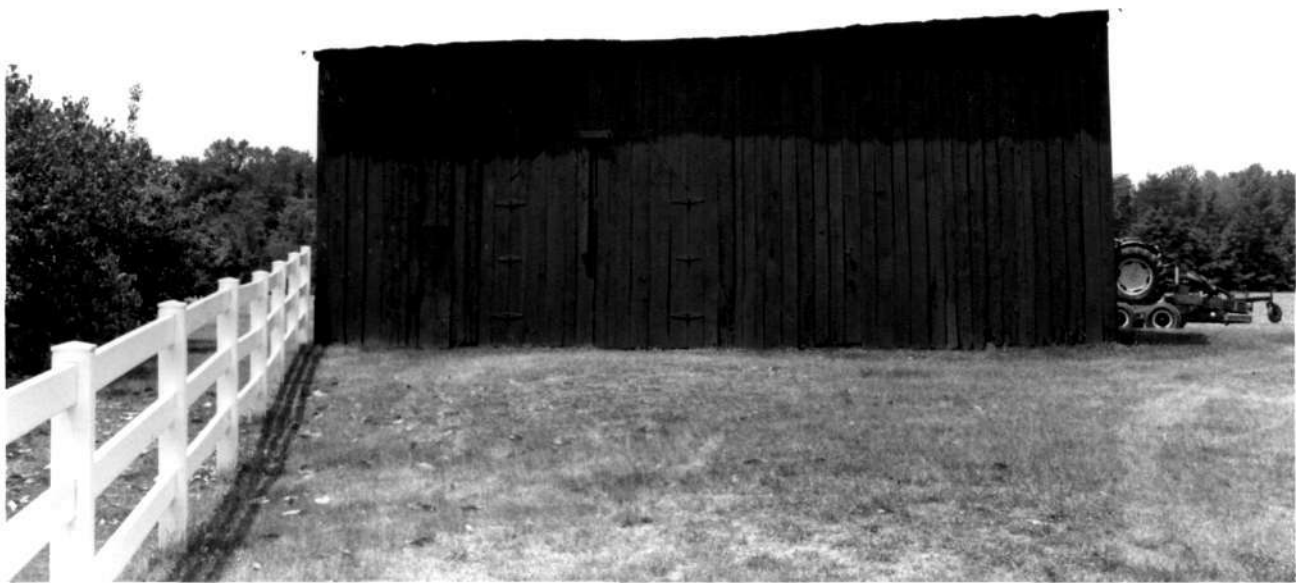
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View looking Northwest
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View of South elevation

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